



DHS/DOV

Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism

2009



ARKANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nomination Cover Sheet

DEADLINE: Friday, September 30, 2009

NOMINEE (Please type or print)

Community Name _____ Population _____

County _____

Mayor's Name _____

Mayor's Address _____

Mayor's Daytime Phone _____

Has your community reported its volunteer hours to the Economic Impact of Arkansas

Volunteers for 2008? Yes _____ No _____

NOMINATOR (Please type or print)

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Date

Signature of Nominator

Nominations **must** conform to guideline criteria or they will not be submitted to the selection committee. All nominations will be judged on guideline criteria and supplementary material. All nominations become the property of the DHHS Division of Volunteerism and will not be returned to the nominee. **Please note:** *Because of processing and tracking complications, FAXED nominations cannot be accepted.*

See Reverse Side for Guideline Criteria.

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NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nomination Statement

A statement *not to exceed* three (3) typewritten, double-spaced, letter size (8 1/2" x 11") pages (*one side only*) must accompany nomination cover sheet.

Photographs, newspaper clippings, and support letters may be submitted as supplementary material. All supplementary material must be mounted on (8 1/2" x 11") paper and *must not exceed* five (5) pages.

The statement should describe community volunteer activities and their impact on the community by answering the following questions.

1. What is the number of broad volunteer activities providing needed services to your community? Describe the scope of these activities. How important are these activities to the overall welfare of the community?
2. What is the approximate number of volunteers actively working in these activities? And what is the total number of volunteer hours worked?
3. Were there any unusual challenges that had to be overcome so that these volunteer activities could be accomplished? (Such challenges might include a disaster, a community crisis, polarized public opinion, or limited resources.)
4. Are the activities innovative and/or of long term service? (Innovation takes into consideration the degree to which the activities represent a new involvement of volunteers and/or a significantly new approach to a particularly pressing problem. Long term means an ongoing activity that provides service for longer than one (1) year.

The Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Awards are sponsored by the Governor's Office, the Arkansas Municipal League, and the DHS Division of Volunteerism. For more information about the Volunteer Community of the Year Awards, contact Rebecca Burton, DOV Program Developer, at 501-682-7540.

Return Form by September 30, 2009, to:
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